

# INFORMATION BULLETIN

## WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: FARMWORKER FORUMS

Four forums are planned throughout California to assist local One-Stop systems with comprehensive Workforce Investment Act service delivery to farmworkers. The forum partners include the Department of Labor (DOL) Region VI, The California Workforce Investment Board, the California Employment Development Department, national farmworker jobs programs grantees, the California Workforce Association, and Local Workforce Investment Area partners.

The first forum will be in Visalia on April 23, 2002. Registrations must be submitted on the Internet via the Web site indicated on the attachment. Additional forums will be held in Indio in May 2002, and Salinas and Stockton in June 2002. Exact dates and locations will be announced on the Web sites indicated on the attachment.

For further information about the forums, go to the DOL Web site, or contact Javier Romero at (916) 324-3277.

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Chief  
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Attachment

## FARMWORKER FORUMS: EVERYONE NEEDS A CHOICE

### THE WIA ONE-STOP SYSTEM & FARMWORKERS

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) establishes that the One-Stop System provide for "universal access" to WIA services. The agricultural employer and worker each are important customers of the system.

### FARMWORKER FORUMS

Four forums are planned throughout California to assist local One-Stop Systems with comprehensive WIA service delivery to the agricultural customer. At each forum, we will discuss:

- Valuing the agricultural customer
- Debunking the myths of serving the agricultural customer
- Providing best practices in serving the agricultural customer
- Challenges to implementing comprehensive services

### FORUM PARTNERS

- U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) (Region VI)
- California Workforce Investment Board
- California Employment Development Department
- National Farmworker Jobs Programs Grantees
- California Workforce Association
- Local Area Partners

### YOU ARE INVITED

You are invited to join us in one of four locations throughout the State to hear service delivery strategies and provide your input. Capacity is limited to 100 attendees. **Registrations are to be submitted via the Internet** at the USDOL Regional Office Web site [www.doleta.gov/regions/reg06/Home/r6etaindex.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/regions/reg06/Home/r6etaindex.cfm)

Information and hyperlinks to registration may be found at the California Workforce Investment Board Web site [www.calwia.org](http://www.calwia.org) and at the California Workforce Association Web site at [calworkforce.org](http://calworkforce.org).

### Visalia - April 23, 2002

Visalia County Workforce Investment Board  
4025 W. Noble Avenue, Visalia  
[maps.yahoo.com/py/maps](http://maps.yahoo.com/py/maps)

Exact dates and locations will be announced on the Web sites shown above for the following forums:

Indio - May 16, 2002  
Salinas - June 2002  
Stockton - June 2002

## **Farmworker Forums: Everyone Needs a Choice**

**April 23, 2002**

Visalia County Workforce Investment Board  
4025 West Noble Avenue, Suite 200  
Visalia, California

- 9:00 – 9:30 Welcome**  
Opening Comments from Armando Quiroz, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Region VI  
Commitment to the need to serve the agricultural community
- 9:30 – 11:00 Farmworkers and Business: Important Local Customers**  
1. Group Discussion  
Topics: Social, Economic, Regulatory, Benefits to WIA  
2. Panel  
a. Local One Stop representative  
b. WIA 167 program provider  
c. Employment Development Department Job Service representative  
d. Private sector agricultural business representative
- 11:00 – 11:15 Break**
- 11:15 – 12:00 “Debunking the Myths of Serving Farmworkers”**  
1. True / False “Quiz” on Myths of Serving Farmworkers  
2. Panel  
a. California Workforce Investment Board  
b. Employment Development Department, Monitor Advocate Office  
c. Employment Development Department, Workforce Investment Division  
d. U.S. DOL, Region VI
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:00 Building It: Local Area Success Stories**  
1. Introduction: Colusa One Stop  
2. Panel of two local success stories
- 2:00 – 2:15 Break**
- 2:15 – 3:30 Building It Locally: Focus on Your One Stop**  
1. What do you need to achieve your dream One-Stop system that serves farmworkers and businesses?  
2. Group Discussion  
3. What is needed?  
a. Support  
b. Policy / Guidance  
c. Partnerships  
d. Resources  
e. Other  
4. Next steps for you